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*Invention:* PNEUMATIC CHEST  
COMPRESSION VEST WITH  
FRONT PANEL BIB

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows:

At page 1, please amend the paragraph bridging lines 4-7 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U. S. S. N. 09/387,319, filed August 31, 1999, now abandoned, which is itself related to "Chest Compression Vest with Connecting Belt" and "Method and Apparatus for Inducing Sputum Samples for Diagnostic Evaluation," which were also filed on the same day August 31, 1999 and also assigned to American Biosystems the same assignee as U. S. S. N. 09/387,319.